

CIVIC RELATED VISITS

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Councillor Mohammed Azim – Legal & Governance Lord Mayor 1 Officer	Rome, Italy	11-13 October 2019	<p>Civic visit to the canonisation of John Henry Newman at St Peter's Basilica at the invitation of Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Holy See.</p> <p>In September 2010 Pope Benedict XVI visited Birmingham. During a Mass at Cofton Park attended by over 60,000 people, the Pope beatified Cardinal John Henry Newman. Blessed Cardinal Newman is now to be canonised at St Peter's Square in Rome on Sunday 13 October.</p> <p>This will make Cardinal Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.</p> <p>John Henry Newman (1801-1890) was ordained as a Church of England priest and soon became the leader of the Oxford Movement but converted to Catholicism in 1845.</p> <p>He founded the Oratory in England and was later made a cardinal. When he died at the age of 89, more than 15,000 people lined the streets of Birmingham for his funeral.</p> <p>Cardinal Newman is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures of the 19th century.</p> <p>Given Cardinal Newman's close connection with Birmingham, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Holy See invited the Lord Mayor to be part of the official delegation to his canonisation in Rome. There was a surrounding programme of events, including a dinner hosted by the British Embassy on Friday 11 October and a conference on the impact of Cardinal Newman on Saturday 12 October.</p>	<p>£1,923.00</p> <p>Flights: £725.00 Accommodation: £860.00 Airport transfers and local transport costs: £171.00 Subsistence: £167.00</p> <p>Authorised by Councillor Ian Ward and Dawn Baxendale</p>	<p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in</p> <p>Priority 8 - We will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events.</p>

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			Practical Outcomes: The Lord Mayor represented the City at this important event, meeting dignitaries from around the world and helping to promote the city.		
Councillor Yvonne Mosquito – Legal & Governance Winston Mosquito, Consort Lord Mayor's Office – 1 Officer	Albert, France	8-10 November 2019	Civic visit to Albert, France to celebrate the centenary of the special relationship between the two cities. During 2019 the town of Albert staged a number of events to recognise the contribution of its 'War Godmother Towns'. Birmingham was celebrated from July to September, with the Lord Mayor attending the culmination of these celebrations, in particular a civic reception and concert on 20 September, during which a Friendship Agreement between the two cities was signed. The Deputy Lord Mayor represented the City on behalf of the Lord Mayor, along with Civic representatives from each of Albert's 'War Godmother Towns', at a special event on 11 November to close the year of celebration. Practical Outcomes: The Deputy Lord Mayor represented the city and helped to further develop the special relationship between Birmingham and Albert.	£489.00 Eurotunnel: £150.00 Hotel: £307.00 Subsistence: £32.00 Authorised by Councillor Ian Ward	Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in Priority 8 - We will enhance our status as a city of culture, sports and events.

NETWORK RELATED VISITS

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Councillor Ian Ward European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Prague, Czech Republic	22-22 November 2019	<p>The visit fulfilled three core objectives;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attended the meeting of the Eurocities Executive Committee. Birmingham is one of only twelve cities of the Networks' Executive. 2. Attended the Annual Conference which presented the 2019 achievements of the network and set out its 2020 ambitions. 3. Participated in the Eurocities Annual General meeting. <p>Key Outcome: The AGM agreed to a change to its internal rules and statutes by allowing 'non-EU' cities to take a seat on its Executive Committee. Once the UK leaves the EU, Birmingham would technically have to be expelled from the Executive due to its 'non-EU' status. The rule change now allows one of the twelve seats to be open to non-EU European Cities.</p>	<p>£1,720.32</p> <p>Flight: £348.16 Subsistence: £128.32 Accommodation: £640.96 Conference Fees: £602.88</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir and Councillor Brigid Jones</p>	Eurocities activities overseas all network related activities and therefore cuts across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.

PARTNER CITIES RELATED VISITS

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Councillor Ian Ward European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Leipzig, Germany	8-10 October 2019	<p>2019 marked the 30th anniversary of the 'Peaceful Revolution' in Birmingham's Partner City of Leipzig. In 1989, the peaceful revolution in Leipzig turned out to be the catalyst that led to the fall of the Berlin Wall shortly after. Birmingham was invited by the Mayor of Leipzig and participation included Federal Minister and Mayors of key neighbouring Central and Eastern European Cities. The Civic visit was an important milestone in the Birmingham / Leipzig relationship due to its beginning shortly after the fall of the Berlin Wall.</p>	<p>£643.95</p> <p>Flight: £639.38 Subsistence: £4.57 Accommodation organised by host City.</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir, Councillor Brigid Jones and Dawn Baxendale</p>	Partner City activities cut across all BCC Council Plan outcomes.

PROFESSIONAL, FUNDING AND SPECIFIC PROJECTS RELATED VISITS

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Planning and Development, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Graz, Austria	2-4 October 2019	<p>EU Funded project: EU SUMPS UP Project (Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans)</p> <p>Attending and presenting at a session at the CIVITAS Forum Conference 2019 in Graz, Austria.</p> <p>To present the city's approach to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, and how this can be used to support strategic, sustainable infrastructure projects as match funding.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <p>The conference was attended by 650 participants from 45 countries and concentrated on sustainable urban mobility. Outcomes of note include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When considering sustainable transport solutions, consideration should be given to future proofing, but not limited to future population growth. Should consider impacts of climate change, electrical capacities, solution maintenance, etc. Information gathering is key to understanding the problem and designing the solution. Should consider specialist support and sharing data with partners to get the most comprehensive picture of current usage levels. However, be careful when purchasing data sets that a LA may have already provided to another source. Local Authorities should consider development of apps to direct travel solutions for local/new users. Google maps as a monopoly on directions (including public transport) but LA could direct people to use certain methods of transport through their own targeted app. It would be a tailored solution to a city's individual 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>	<p>The project contributes to towards the Birmingham Connected Vision of improving the transport network to create a successful, vibrant, healthy and sustainable city.</p> <p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 4 – We will develop our transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.</p> <p>Outcome 3 - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in</p> <p>Priority 1: We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.</p> <p>Priority 3: Citizens and communities will have choice and control over their care and improved resilience and independence.</p> <p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 4: We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution.</p> <p>Outcome 5 - Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Priority 2: We will encourage citizens of all abilities and ages to engage in physical activity and improve their health and wellbeing.</p>

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			<p>requirements e.g. to use tram travel, or take into account particular events such as sports or concerts. This could also show users health or environmental benefits of certain modes of transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careful consideration should be given to data use in light of GDPR, etc. 		<p>Priority 3: We will deliver high quality housing, sporting facilities and transport infrastructure for the benefit of our citizens.</p> <p>City partner, Birmingham has a number of key deliverables including the development of our innovations in practice.</p>
<p>Councillor Paulette Hamilton Finance & Governance</p> <p>Partnerships, Insight and Prevention – 1 Officer</p>	Montpellier, France	<p>6-12 October 2019</p> <p>6-9 October 2019</p>	<p>Milan Urban Food Policy Pact Annual Conference</p> <p>Birmingham is a member of this network of over 200 cities that focuses on improving the food environment.</p> <p>To participate in conference and present in two workshop sessions, Eurocities panel and Governance workshop.</p> <p>Member engagement post conference to see some of the food systems in Marseille and Montpellier.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action to improve the food system in Birmingham underpins all of the six priorities, especially the new priority to become a green and sustainable city and the priority to support children and young people to thrive. The conference provided better understanding of MUFPP and award system which can strengthen the approach in the Council's work over 2019/2020 and 2020/2021. Significant reputational gain and visibility for Birmingham City Council about partnership with Pune, India and new contacts with potential global funders and opportunity to form new learning partnerships with other global cities. 	<p>£2,403.23</p> <p>Flight: £1,055.26 Subsistence: £521.88 Accommodation: £826.09</p> <p>Authorised by Jonathan Tew, Councillor Brigid Jones and Clive Heaphy</p>	<p>Outcome 2 – Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.</p> <p>Priority 4 We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.</p> <p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 7 - We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.</p> <p>Outcome 5 - Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Priority 2: We will encourage citizens of all abilities and ages to engage in physical activity and improve their health and wellbeing.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific gain from learning from presentations from Washington DC and Mezelin, Turkey which will inform projects in Birmingham. 		
Adult Social Care – 3 Officers	Bratislava, Slovakia	9-11 October 2019	<p>Attendance at European Family Group Conference (FGC) Network; a meeting of professionals who work in this internationally recognised field of person-centred, capacity-building, restorative practice.</p> <p>To present and hear national reports on service developments; participate in workshops on current issues and developments.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <p>Adult Social Care has recently established a new FGC service for adults, the largest, and one of relatively few adult schemes in England. Our attendance allowed us to have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple opportunities to share and learn from other's experiences from 14 European nations. This has helped us in developing our thinking on how to develop the service in the future. Opportunities to talk about Birmingham and its achievements in FGC's still relatively rare application with adults. There was a great deal of interest in this evolving area, with expressions of interest to visit Birmingham from Italy, Germany and Austria As Adult Social Care plays a leading role in coordinating the UK National Adults FGC Network (which meets in Coventry later this month) we will be feeding back to this national audience. 	<p>£1,774.33</p> <p>Flights: £435.00 Subsistence: £308.55 Accommodation: £770.32 Conference Fees: £260.46</p> <p>Authorised by Graeme Betts</p>	<p>Outcome 3: Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p>Priority 1: We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.</p> <p>Priority 2: We will improve care for older people.</p> <p>Priority 3: Citizens and communities will have choice and control over their care and improved resilience and independence.</p> <p>Outcome 4: Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 5: We will work with partners to ensure everyone feels safe in their daily lives.</p>

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			This supported the ongoing development of our Adults FGC service, which specifically addresses Council Plan priority OUTCOME 3: <i>Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in</i> , and in particular Priority 3: <i>Citizens and communities will have choice and control over their care and improved resilience and independence</i> .		
Information, Technology and Digital Services, Strategic Services – 1 Officer	Florence, Italy	14-15 October 2019	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: PURE COSMOS INTERREG project meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham City Council (BCC) is a partner in an INTERREG Europe funded proposal (PURE COSMOS) led by Genoa. This project aims to exchange good practices on the role that public authorities can play in enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs by improving the business climate and support in which they operate. PURE COSMOS is a 5-year funded project that involves exchange of good practice with other European partner regions leading to the development of a concrete regional action plan for each partner. <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended as part of Birmingham's involvement in PURE COSMOS Interreg Europe funded project and development of a regional action plan (RAP), which is focused on reducing local authority burden and providing shared learning from the development of administration and support SMEs to improve their competitiveness. Attendance at the project meeting enabled Birmingham to share the development of its strategic direction linked to the evolving Industrial Strategy and developing partnerships. As part of this Birmingham also highlighted some of the key actions within its developing RAP aligned to the GBSLEP Industrial Strategy. These are focused on the priority areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative and Smart procurement Simplyfying regulatory control and enhancing the opportunities of the 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Peter Bishop and Robert James</p>	<p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 3 - We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p> <p>Outcome 5 – Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Priority 1 – We will seek to maximise the opportunities for Birmingham businesses to benefit from the opportunities of the Commonwealth Games.</p>

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			<p>Commonwealth Games for small businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing the 5G infrastructure to accelerate SME innovation Improving the data intelligence linked to business growth to enable more targeted interventions 		
<p>European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer</p> <p>Housing Options, Birmingham Municipal Housing Trust – 1 Officer</p>	Warsaw, Poland	22-25 October 2019	<p>To attend Eurocities Social Affairs Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birmingham pledged to the European Pillar of Social Rights (Priority 19 Housing and assistance for the homeless). A pledge signed by the Leader of the Council. Birmingham also led a Challenge Workshop drawing from our experience of delivering the Housing First Pilot. Over 10 European cities attended the workshop and formulated recommendations to our housing situation and challenges BHT we grapples with. The European and International Team contributed to the discussion of the role of cities in the next financial perspective and the formulation of the new iteration of the Leipzig Charter of Sustainable European Cities. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir and Cllr Brigid Jones</p>	<p>Outcome 3 – Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p>Priority 1 We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.</p> <p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 6 - We will foster local influence and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run.</p> <p>Priority 7 - We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.</p>
Energy Policy, Planning, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Dublin, Ireland	23-24 October 2019	<p>Electric Vehicle Summit 2019</p> <p>The Summit was organised through the EV Network Industry Development Partner the Council are working with in the roll out of EV network infrastructure in the City.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of development implications of EV network deployment and impact of CO2 reduction and decarbonisation in line with Priority 4 – We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution. Insight to the level of strategy development to work with businesses and residents to enable take up/transition to EV vehicles in line with 	<p>£575.98</p> <p>Flight: £395.98 Subsistence: £56.00 Accommodation: £124.00</p> <p>Associated costs recoverable from the Clean Air Zone budget.</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>	<p>Outcome 1 – Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 4 – We will develop our transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.</p> <p>Outcome 4 – Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 1 – We will work with our residents and businesses to improve the cleanliness of our city.</p> <p>Priority 4 – We will improve the</p>

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			<p>Priority 1 – We will work with our residents and businesses to improve the cleanliness of our city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of the latest technologies and emerging trends in EV network infrastructure to enable the roll out for public accessibility and public transport vehicles including taxis and buses- in line with Priority 4 of the Council Plan - We will develop our transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport’. 		environment and tackle air pollution.
Transport and Connectivity, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 2 Officers	Vienna, Austria	27-30 October 2019	<p>Attendance at the Cities Today Urban Mobility Conference which has a significant agenda covering urban mobility in cities across the world. The format is for a maximum of 20 cities to be represented at each conference to allow detailed discussion between cities and invited service providers. Key topics included key discussions on smart mobility, Mobility As A Service, and their wider application in cities. These are high priorities for Birmingham and the Cabinet Member’s portfolio, with clear linkages to the Council Plan. Officer networking was possible on a range of other topics including approaches to clean air, using parking as demand management, and improving public transport and cycling infrastructure.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key knowledge obtained in respect of how Vienna is delivering an integrated transport network Key knowledge obtained in respect of the impact of new mobility on urban planning in Hamburg; Key knowledge obtained in respect of emerging technologies from service providers. 	<p>£1,288.75</p> <p>Flights: £827.13 Subsistence: £45.79 Accommodation: £415.83 (1-night only, 2-additional nights fully funded by conference organisers)</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir and Councillor Ian Ward</p>	<p>Outcome 1 – Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 4 – We will develop our transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.</p> <p>Outcome 4 – Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 4 – We will improve the environment and tackle air pollution.</p> <p>Outcome 5 – Birmingham residents gain the maximum benefit from hosting the Commonwealth Games.</p> <p>Priority 3 – We will deliver high quality housing, sporting facilities and transport infrastructure for the benefit of our citizens.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity taken to reinforce the Council's commitment to working with partner cities through the Cities Today network. Opportunity to gain insight into the format of the conference to allow Cities Today Birmingham in May 2020 to be a success and showcase the city. <p>Key learning of the similar challenges faced by local government in Europe.</p>		
European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Gavle, Sweden	28-31 October 2019	<p>EU Funded project: BETTER</p> <p>BETTER aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the quality of the public administration services (e.g. government effectiveness) Use intelligent tools for modernising public administration (e.g. eGovernment; strategic human resources management, etc) ICT systems ensuring that citizens have easy access to local government information, services and decision-making processes and they are the focus of public administration <p>The project aims to foster a policy environment that will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better support for SMEs by connecting them with innovation and digital solutions and by providing them with a better skilled workforce. Better health for the city and region through improved use of big data to tackle city health challenges Better data management capability through platform tools to enable transformation across the public and private sector e.g. public health data Better air quality/transport in the city and region through improved infrastructure and enabling technologies. This could include demand led challenges through data analysis to make the lives of the city region better 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>	<p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 1 - We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.</p> <p>Priority 3 - We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p> <p>Priority 4 - We will develop transport infrastructure, keeps the city moving through walking, cycling and improved public transport.</p> <p>Outcome 2 - Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.</p> <p>Priority 4 - We will improve intervention and prevention work to secure health lifestyles and behaviours.</p>

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			<p>Practical Outcomes: Birmingham City Council presented best practice examples around physical and virtual infrastructure available for SMEs in the city to connect them with innovation through improved eGovernment platforms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The learning from this thematic meeting was then subsequently disseminated to the Birmingham Stakeholder group which includes stakeholders who are responsible for informing future Science and Innovation Audits. 		
European and International Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 2 Officers	Bratislava, Slovakia	5-7 November 2019	<p>Existing EU Funding Project: Interreg Europe Urban Manufacturing Project. To attend the Urban Manufacturing project management meeting and final conference in Slovakia for the Interreg Europe Urban Manufacturing project.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showcased the Birmingham action plan developed through the peer review, study visits and policy clinics to other partners and European Experts. Decided how the implementation of the project will be monitored over the final two years of the project including the monitoring of the results of the policy change. Agreed the reallocation of funding across the partnership, including agreement for a request for further funding for the Birmingham aspect of the project. Birmingham is now leading on a bid for Interreg Europe money to fund an augmented reality video to be hosted by the Library of Birmingham decisions and learning from the project management meeting will be disseminated to the Birmingham Stakeholder group in December 2019. The group includes stakeholders who are responsible for 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir</p>	<p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 1 - We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth</p> <p>Priority 2 - We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.</p> <p>Priority 3 - We will Invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p>

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			informing future Science and Innovation Audits, the next ESIF call for proposals and the future UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Attended workshops and visited a maker space funded through Orange.		
Film Birmingham, Cultural Development, Neighbourhoods – 1 Officer	Los Angeles, U.S.A	6-11 November 2019	<p>The purpose of the visit was to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To attend the American Film Market (AFM) To promote Birmingham & West Midlands, 121 Meetings, distribute new marketing material, professional development and networking events. <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended AFM to promote the region as a destination for film & TV production to an international market. The Head of Film Birmingham was attending AFM for the first time as a delegate. A task was to compare the value of exhibiting at the Locations Expo element of AFM and assess it as a platform attract International inward investment. Attended network events and promoted the region amongst film-makers, producers, writers and directors sharing the new marketing material, 'Lookbook'. Attended conferences lead by expert industry panels. These were insightful, knowledge building; topics included new trends, financing and the changing industry landscape. Engaged with the panel experts, sharing marketing material. Arranged 121 meetings with production companies and studios. We discussed forthcoming projects and how we can best work with together going forward to maximise opportunities of bringing their projects to the city and region. Discussed 	<p>Visit fully funded by GBSLEP grant, awarded in March 2019</p> <p>Authorised by Robert James</p>	<p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 1 - We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth.</p> <p>Priority 2 - We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.</p> <p>Priority 3 - We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversity the economic base of the city.</p>

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			<p>the benefits of filming in the region. With the increase in content making, we need to identify temporary build space within the region to increase our chances of attracting large scale production as many asked about studio space. All visited expressed their appreciation of Film Birmingham taking the time to meet with them face to face. All were given our new marketing material.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 121 meeting with a production company (met last year) and confirmed a project they will film in Birmingham in April 2020. Now working with the production to employ local crew, locations and facilities. Engaged with the LA based office of the British Film Commission. 		
Birmingham Education Resilience – PREVENT – 1 Officer	Jakarta, Indonesia	2-9 November 2019	<p>Focus on Indonesia, Education Exchange</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <p>This visit was to further develop a reciprocal education programme with schools and is vital in sustaining the partnership already established with the British Council and schools in Indonesia including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To build upon a successful visit from the British Council Indonesia and school representatives in February 2019 when the initial programme was planned across a two-year programme. Twinning schools in Birmingham with schools in Indonesia. To embed an evolving teacher/pupil network/exchange based upon shared ideas of sustainability goals, diverse identities and controversial issues affecting young people globally. 	<p>£756.10</p> <p>Flight: £649.90 Subsistence: £106.20 (tbc) Accommodation funded by British Council</p> <p>Authorised by Councillor Jayne Francis</p>	<p>Outcome 2 – Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.</p> <p>Priority 3 – We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their potential.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Focus on Indonesia' week to be planned for Birmingham schools engaging schools including blogs, pen pals, film/media work, twinning of schools, Skype exchange, online collaboration, and huge potential for cross-curricular influence. We have successfully secured funding from the British Council UK for 7 secondary school representatives to visit their partner schools in Indonesia during November 2019, building upon the success of the international links established during the visit from Indonesia partners in February. The expectation is that the 7 schools will work with their partners to create a curriculum offer that is accessible to students in both countries, which will result in a student exchange by May 2020, for which further British Council funding would be sought. <p>We expect a presidential visit from Indonesia during 2020 with this partnership as a high-profile flagship for Birmingham.</p>		
Public Health – 1 Officer	Rome, Italy	20-21 November 2019	<p>Professional visit to give a keynote presentation on Birmingham's approach to creating a healthy food city and participate in a series of global roundtable discussions about food systems and interface between national and local government and cities and rural municipalities. Birmingham was the only UK city asked to present.</p> <p>Keynote presentation on Birmingham's approach to the food system & participation in a series of global roundtable discussion on food systems.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant reputational gain in Birmingham having keynote presentation at this global roundtable hosted by the UN Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and significant interest in our work on creating a healthy food city. 	<p>£47.57</p> <p>Subsistence only: £47.57 Flights and accommodation funded by UN Agency.</p> <p>Authorised by Clive Heaphy</p>	<p>Outcome 2 – Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.</p> <p>Priority 3 – We will inspire our children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their potential.</p> <p>Priority 4 – We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to learn from other cities and countries about their approaches and this has provided specific information/evidence on food procurement by the public sector from Copenhagen and Ghent which we can adapt for use locally to support our objective for children and young people to thrive. • Some connections made to support our ongoing work, specifically with GAIN and Slow Food global movements. 		
<p>Councillor Ian Ward</p> <p>European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer</p>	Hong Kong, Nanjing and Shanghai	24-30 November 2019	<p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <p>Outcomes included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High level presentation of Birmingham's growth and Investment opportunities to MIPIM Asia, Asia's largest outboard real estate expo. - Hosting of a 'West Midland MIPIM Asia Investor lunch' which welcomed approx. 100 of the key HK and UK based investors. - Individual, bespoke meetings with key potential investment clients such as Lai Sun Group, Far East Consortium, Eversheds Sutherland, Hathaway Capital to promote the commercial and residential investment opportunities in Birmingham. - High level meetings with two key Asian airlines, Cathay Pacific and China Eastern airlines with a view to opening direct flight routes between Birmingham and HK and mainland China. - Meeting with Deputy Mayor of Nanjing to progress Sister City MoU arrangements. - Gave formal invitation to Mayor of Nanjing to attend the 5th UK-China Regional 	<p>£7,243.31</p> <p>Flights: £4,077.49 Subsistence: £1,077.91 (including interpreter fees) Accommodation: £1,164.72 Conference Fees: £923.19</p> <p>Authorised by Waheed Nazir and Councillor Brigid Jones</p>	<p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 1 - We will create opportunities for local people to develop skills and make the best of economic growth</p> <p>Priority 2 - We will strive to maximise the investment in the city and engage local employers to create quality jobs and opportunities for citizens.</p> <p>Priority 3 - We will Invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p> <p>Outcome 4: Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 2: We will have the appropriate housing to meet the needs of our citizens.</p>

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			<p>Leaders summit to be hosted in Birmingham in February 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoted and secured the participation of Nanjing in other key events in Birmingham in 2020 including the inaugural 'YouWil' programme and China Festival as part of WM-China 2020. - Met with the President of Phoenix Media Corporation to progress projects in Birmingham including the Phoenix Library Project in which Phoenix have agreed to donate approx. 600 books to the Library of Birmingham and host a Chinese Literature exhibition in the library July 2020. - Additional initiatives were discussed, and agreements made to progress, including Phoenix launching a Children's Literature Award which again would be hosted in the LoB but initially looking to focus on Commonwealth authors and launch inaugural awards during Birmingham Commonwealth Games. - Further initiatives were discussed including the production of promotional books, such as on the History of Birmingham, being translated into mandarin and made available to Chinese audiences. - Held early discussion with major Chinese company with regards to facilitating a relocation of their UK business to Birmingham. - Visited venue of the 2020 Nanjing World Indoor Athletics Championships where there were meetings around legacy and benefits of hosting major events. 		

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<p>Councillor John Cotton – Cabinet Member Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities</p> <p>Partnerships, Insight and Prevention Directorate – Prevent Team – 1 Officer</p>	Malaga, Spain	25-26 November 2019	<p>Birmingham City Council had been invited to take part in a meeting of a pilot group of cities to discuss the follow-up to the conference “EU Cities against Radicalisation” that took place in February this year, and which witnessed the strong interest of several EU cities in strengthening cooperation on preventing radicalisation and violent extremism.</p> <p>Birmingham City Council will be part of a network of European Cities working together to share best practice in challenging extremism.</p> <p>This was the second meeting of the pilot group in Spain.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Cities under the umbrella of the European Commission have come together to explore best ways to implement proposals for city twinnings, exchange programmes among representatives of local prevent authorities; peer reviews or other forms of evaluation of local prevent interventions, study visits, ad hoc deployment of experts; Commission and cities to explore what kind of supporting analysis or comparative overviews cities need (e.g. information sharing between relevant actors at local, regional and national level); Commission and cities to define coordination and cooperation with other networks and initiatives; Commission to explore how to ensure better information of cities about other ongoing initiatives (e.g. policy exchanges and collaboration with Member States) and how exchanges and possible recommendations under the umbrella of “EU Cities against Radicalisation” can be brought to a higher political level (e.g. 	<p>£79.46</p> <p>ASSOCIATED COSTS MET BY THE ORGANISERS Subsistence only: £79.46 Authorised by Jonathan Tew, Councillor Ian Ward and Clive Heaphy</p>	<p>Outcome 1 - Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in.</p> <p>Priority 3 - We will invest in growth sectors where Birmingham has competitive strengths to diversify the economic base of the city.</p> <p>Outcome2 – Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in.</p> <p>Priority 1 We will improve protection of vulnerable children and young people (including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability).</p> <p>Priority 4 We will improve early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours.</p> <p>Outcome 3 – Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p>Priority 1 – We will work with our citizens to prevent social isolation, loneliness, and develop active citizenship.</p> <p>Outcome 4 – Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 6 - We will foster local influence and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run.</p> <p>As a member of the EU Cities Pilot programme Birmingham will be enabled to share and receive best practice and take part in peer led evaluation for preventing radicalisation which is part of the cities work to protect vulnerable children and improve early intervention and prevention work.</p>

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			<p>bringing together MS Ministers and city representatives as well as practitioners and researchers);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission to explore possibilities for financial support to different initiatives to be further developed under “EU Cities against Radicalisation” as well as more generally to support relevant projects in cities. Birmingham has been identified as the host of a potential study visit for international colleagues wanting to see and learn from the practical steps undertaken by Birmingham to consider radicalization and extremism. 		
West Midlands Strategic Migration Partnership Team – 1 Officer	Brussels, Belgium	4 December 2019	<p>Attendance at Missing Children Europe Interact conference</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning how policy, procedure and practice could be improved in order to better protect migrant children, particularly from going missing and associated harms. This learning will be shared with West Midlands local authorities including Birmingham. It links to Outcome 2 (Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in), Priority 1 (Improving protection of vulnerable children and young people), Priority 3 (Inspiring children and young people to be ambitious and achieve their full potential) and Priority 4 (Improving early intervention and prevention work to secure healthy lifestyles and behaviours) By better equipping local authorities, including Birmingham, to protect migrant children, we encourage and support them with offering placements to such children through the National Transfer Scheme 	<p>£200.00</p> <p>Eurotunnel only: £200.00</p> <p>Authorised by Jonathan Tew and Clive Heaphy</p>	<p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in,</p> <p>Priority 5 - Working with partners to ensure everyone feels safe in their daily lives.</p> <p>Priority 7 - Working with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.</p>

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			(transfers of children from other local authorities, other European countries, the Middle East and North Africa).		
European and international Affairs, Inclusive Growth Directorate – 1 Officer	Bologna, Italy	9-12 December 2019	<p>EU Funded project: REMIX</p> <p>To represent Birmingham at the Bologna Summit on Citizen Engagement organised by URBACT Secretariat as part of REMIX project.</p> <p>Practical Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Birmingham City Council attended a mid-term review meeting for the REMIX project funded by URBACT. The meeting focused in the role of arts and culture in the city regeneration schemes and how to better form creative partnerships to improve outcomes for city projects. - Learning from the meetings was then disseminated to the Culture Development Team and Planning Officers. 	<p>ALL COSTS MET BY EUROPEAN FUNDING</p> <p>Authorised by Ian MacLeod</p>	<p>Outcome 3 - Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.</p> <p>Priority 1 - develop active citizens</p> <p>Outcome 4 - Birmingham is a great city to live in.</p> <p>Priority 6 - We will foster local influence and involvement to ensure that local people have a voice in how their area is run.</p> <p>Priority 7 - We will work with partners to build a fair and inclusive city for all.</p>

Total Cost of visits = £19,145.00

No of visits by Members = 7

No of visits by Officers = 20

No of visits at No Cost to the City = 7

Total cost of visits undertaken between

Current financial year 2019/2020

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019	12	£ 8,736.64
1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019	6	£ 1,848.81
1 October 2019 – 31 December 2019	20	£19,145.00
Totals	38	£29,730.45

Visits summary 2018/2019

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2018 – 30 June 2018 (*figure includes £49,022.05 for Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia)	23	*£60,188.86
1 July 2018 – 30 September 2018	12	£13,879.46
1 October – 31 December 2018	13	£2,374.68
1 January 2019 – 31 March 2019	11	£2,356.58
Totals	59	£78,799.58

Costings Info for the previous period, 2014-2018:

Visits summary 2017/2018

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017	17	£13,788
1 July 2017 – 30 September 2017	8	£2,634
1 October – 31 December 2017	21	£7,026.18
1 January 2018 – 31 March 2018	17	£3,956.01
Totals	63	£27,404.19

Visits summary 2016/2017

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2016 – 30 June 2016	25	£16,989
1 July – 30 September 2016	12	£5,133
1 October – 31 December 2016	36	£9,112
1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017	24	£14,839
Totals	97	£46,073

Visits summary 2015/2016

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2015 to 30 June 2015	36	£8,648
1 July – 30 September 2015	32	£18,740
1 October – 31 December 2015	42	£15,910
1 January 2016 - 31 March 2016	25	£16,687
Totals	135	£59,985

Visits summary 2014/2015

Date	No of visits	Cost
1 April 2014 to 30 June 2014	28	£21,966
1 July – 30 September 2014	16	£7,833
1 October – 31 December 2014	39	£14,659
1 January 2015 to 31 March 2015	21	£9,540
Totals	104	£53,998